

**Habitat for Humanity of Merced County
Minutes of April 13, 2010 Meeting #195
Kemper CPA Group, LLP**

President: Michelle Paloutzian, present
Secretary, Genny M. Mesa, excused
Administrative Chair, Donna Hall, present
Public Information Chair, Bill Sanford, present
Site Selection Chair: Jim Tolladay, excused
Construction Chair: Lyle Allen, present
Member at Large: Hilda Miranda, excused

Vice President: George Gallaher, present
Treasurer/Finance Chair: Patti Houbein, present
Church Relations Chair: Jan Sorge, present
Family Selection/Partnership:
Member at Large: Pete Delacruz, excused
Member at Large: Fred Pillsbury, present
Member at Large: Diane Bair, excused

MSC: Motion, Second, Carried

Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Michelle Paloutzian at 7:01 P.M.

Michelle reported that Ying Yang has resigned from the board. Michelle will send a letter thanking him for his service. Michelle will also ask Ying if he knows anyone from the Hmong community who might serve on the board.

Minutes:

Moved by Lyle and Seconded by Fred to approve the February 9, 2010 and March 9, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

Devotions:

Jan Sorge read an E-mail about a cab driver who learned from a terminally ill passenger that the best moments in life aren't always when you expect them.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

Report for first three months will be ready for the May meeting.

Administration:

Bill shared a letter from the Carter Center stating that President Carter is already fully booked for his California trip and will be unable to visit our construction site. Bill contacted two memorial stone firms and received quotes for various sized granite slabs. The cost seems to include the engraving. The board decided to hold off deciding on the stone until the size of the area where the stone will be installed is determined and measured.

Public Information:

Bill reported on the cost of mailing the Stay-at-Home Tea. There was a twenty cent surcharge associated with the thickness of the envelope and the cost of mailing was close to first class. Bill has a copy of the rules from the postal service and hopes we will not have similar problems with the next newsletter. Jan suggested we investigate alternative fund raising plans in the future. Some ideas are a no-talent show or a couch potato event.

Bill will arrange for television and newspaper coverage when we have a firm date for the framing.

Construction:

Lyle reported that the rain has impeded progress on the foundation. The Community High School students are in the process of installing rebar and shoring up dirt washed into the ditches by the rain. John Jantz and his group will assist with the pouring of concrete. Fred Hightower is committed to framing the house when the foundation is completed. We will hold off planning a home building celebration until the date of the framing is firmly established.

Site Selection:

No report.

Family Selection:

Michelle reported that the meeting with the family went well and that the letter outlining the responsibilities of both parties is signed. Michelle stated that the board needs to revise the policies regarding sweat equity hours.

Fund Raising:

No report.

Church Relations:

Jan Sorge is regularly sharing information for inclusion in church bulletins. Jan will get amounts of the cost to build rooms in the house and share that information with local churches. Bill will include the data in the next newsletter.

Volunteers:

No report.

Nomination Committee:

No report.

Adjournment:

Moved by George and seconded by Lyle. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by George Gallaher for Genny Mesa.